**General Description:** A nice day hike to Deer Creek Lake and access to other lakes

in the area. Can be made into a multi-day trip by combining

other trails in the area.

Mileage: 3.0 miles

Difficulty: Foot: easy/moderate

Bike: easy/moderate

Horse: easy

OHV: not permitted

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road

Elevation loss / gain: 690 feet

Water availability: Water is available at Deer Creek Lake and other nearby lakes

and streams. Filter or treat all water.

Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail can be difficult to follow. Look for cairns

and blazes marking the trail. Mosquitoes are prevalent in spring and early summer. Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year-round. Ridges, saddles, view

points and open meadows are dangerous during

thunderstorms.

**Topo maps:** USGS 7.5 minute guads: Deer Creek Lake, Lower Bowns

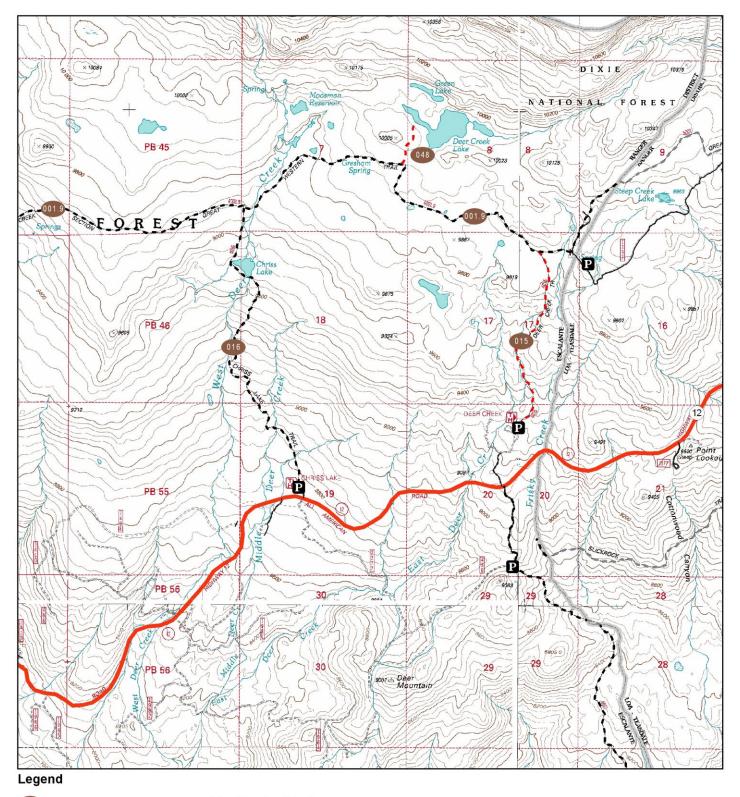
Reservoir

**The Trailhead:** The trailhead is north of Highway 12 at approximately milepost 96.8 north of Boulder. There is a sign along the highway. Drive 0.4 miles to the parking area and trailhead register.

**The Trail:** The Deer Creek Lake area is a diverse ecosystem where pine forest, aspen stands, rock fields, meadows, wetlands and water all converge in a beautiful setting.

The trail threads through a few rock berms and a post fence then becomes well-defined. The trail climbs gradually until it intersects the Great Western Trail at 1.4 miles. Turn left (west) then at 2.5 miles a short trail leads north to Deer Creek Lake.

There are other small lakes in the vicinity. Hidden by a ridge just north of Deer Creek Lake is Green Lake - a long, narrow and deep lake in a boulder filled valley. The easiest access to Green Lake is from the northwest inlet to Deer Creek Lake. Circumvent the marshy inlet on the west, then go east over a small rise to the lake.



001.9 GWT Deer Creek Section - - Non-Motorized Trail

015 Deer Creek Trail Highway

P Trailhead

 Main Forest Road (All Vehicles) 016 Chriss Lake Trail

---- Forest Road (All Vehicles) 048 Deer Creek Lake Trail

132 Road Number

12 Highway 12

